

ABSTRACT

A bicycle cable guide system for maintaining axial tension in a straight portion of a flexible cable extending between a cable actuated bicycle component and a cable actuator consists of a straight length of axially and radially rigid tubing having first and second ends and an inner diameter greater than an outer diameter of the flexible cable receiving the straight portion of the flexible cable. A first axially fixed connector is operatively associated with the first end of the rigid tubing and a second axially fixed connector is operatively associated with the second end of the rigid tubing. A method of routing a flexible cable between a cable actuated bicycle component and a cable actuator includes providing a straight length of axially and radially rigid tubing, feeding a portion of a flexible through the axially and radially rigid tubing and fixing the ends of the axially and radially rigid tubing against axial movement.

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